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Royals Go Down Early

Erick Schringa

The Ice Hockey Royals ended their year last Friday earlier than expected. The Royals were defeated in the 6-point semi-finals 7-1 by the fourth place Burlington Sailors. After losing the first game of the series and tying the second, the Royals were confident that they were picking up speed to roll on to victory.

However, the third game saw Burlington pulling out all the stops; they jumped to an early 2-0 lead and the Royals had to fight back and even the score by the end of the first period. The second period was scoreless, but after the intermission, the Royals came back rejuvinated and scored the go-ahead goal only to have it quickly countered by Burlington. This trade-off was repeated later in the third period. With the score tied, what was a characteristically rough game turned ugly resulting in Redeemer jamming the penalty box. The emotional edge held by Burlington at this point was enough for them to pull away--score a break away goal--and win the game taking the lead in the series 5-1.

Realizing that their collective back was against the wall, the Royals' players and coaches alike discussed and tried to discover the problem. Why couldn't a first place team with oft-shown scoring talent, the number one goaltender and a steady defense not beat the fourth place Burlington Sailors? No concrete answers could be found, and the coaches realized that there was nothing at issue and if the players didn't know what was required now, they never would.

Nothing was said before the fourth game. The team was more relaxed than usual. The first two periods saw the Royals dominate showing obviously superior hockey talent, but the score after two periods was 2-1 for Burlington.

After a quiet intermission, the Royals came out even stronger than before quickly tying up the game. However, Burlington again found a way to score. And again the Royals, having played probably their best game all year, found themselves at the short end of the stick. The game ended rather symbolically: although the Royals were first frustrated and blew their cool, the penalty box-brothers had little trouble outranking the Royals in classlessness and sat in the box for the last few minutes of the game. A comment heard from that quarter was, "Who cares, we're winning!" If such things are fine as long as one wins--then there is a functional reason why Redeemer didn't deserve to win--class. The Royals lost, but have every reason to believe in their abilities to play. Logically, they should've won it all this year, but in the play-offs, logic doesn't always rule. And neither does the strongest team!

Editorial: Housing Part II

Since the last time I wrote about the housing situation at Redeemer College, a number of changes have occured which leads me to further ponderings on the subject.

The first (indirect) change is the new tuition system which should make it more affordable for students to live off campus. As well, the coming of a limited transit system to the college offers more flexiblity in living off campus. Fourth year students should take up the opportunity and live on their own. The Student Life Department, however, seems not to be offering any encouragement in this regard. Two things need to be done. First, they should develop a clearing house for off campus accomodation. Second, since there will be more students off campus next year, they should ensure there is an integrative program so that off campus students do not feel isolated.

The second change is the development of the H.A. (Housing Assistant). This is a welcome development. Upper level students do not need full R.A. supervision, yet can not be left totally on their own. The H.A. is a good compromise. This change means there will be enough R.A. candidates for first year dorms that they can remain in normal sizes with the usual food plan. Thus next year will not be as great of an experiment as first anticapated.

This raises further questions about the long term plans for the residences. Since there should be enough R.A.'s in this system for a foreseeable future, is it not possible to retain completely the present structure of townhouses and food plan? When we build next year do we build townhouses or dorms? Do we really need a cafeteria food plan?

We need to wreastle with these questions NOW since building plans should soon be in the works (if they want to get them done in time for Sept. 1989.) So what do you think?

A third change is the reorganization of jobs. There will be a Residence Life Director who will be in charge of first years, and general programs. As well there will be a Campus Life Director who will be in charge of security, the Rec Center, and upper level students. This means there will be double the live-in staff. One can be cynical and see this as a form of more control, or one be idealistic and see it as creating more opportunity for student develoment. Personally, I do not see a major problem in control this year, when we only had a half time R.D. As for student development (ie. social interaction), there does not seem to be an end to the number of activities students can go to. What may be required is a shifting of priorities of activities. Thus basically I do not see the need of two full time live-in positions.

These are my views, what are yours?

J.H.N.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Who are the "Friends of Bob" and where do they get the preposterous idea of making me the next president of Redeemer College? If nominated, I will not run; if elected, I will not serve.

Sincerely,
Edwin Plantinga

P.S. Write me in.

MEDITATION
"More than Conquerors!"

Dick Kievit

In his letter to the Romans, Paul writes: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" and he adds: "shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" He understood that each of these could be a potential instrument in the hands of Satan to cause him to deny Christ, and yet he was confident that none of these would be able to separate him from the love of Christ.

The reason for this faith lay for Paul in the cross. He had learned not to boast in his own strengths or his commitment to Christ, but in Christ's love for him. He was an apostle of the cross of Christ and therefore he wrote in his letter to the Galatians: "the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Meditating upon the cross of Christ convinced Paul of the love of Christ for him. It was Christ's love for him that caused Him to leave the glory of heaven, to be despised, mocked, and tortured. Even though He dreaded the cross, Christ set Himself to it with steadfast devotion and commitment. It was Christ's love for me, says Paul, that caused Him to endure the sufferings of the cross and to lay down His life and pour out His soul unto death. It was Christ's perseverance that gave Paul the confidence that nothing would be able to separate him from the love of Christ.

Temptations come to each of us in the form of persecutions as well as tribulations of various kinds. They even come in what Paul calls "famine or nakedness", when we are anxious about our daily bread. Trust not in your faith to stand up against Satan but mediatate on the love of Christ for you as revealed in the cross, for "in all these things, we are more than conquerors--through him who loved us."

REDEEMER CHOIR TOUR

Teresa VanRaamsdonk, driver

Yes, we're back. The choir tour has been a success. In terms of Public Relations, we worked hard, talked to a lot of people, and promoted Redeemer in four cities. We travelled more than 800 km to do it. Yes, we were a success. The audiences loved us. The host families we stayed at enjoyed our company .

But that's not all there is to a tour. The Lord did a much greater work in those who sang. They left Friday afternoon--a group of students who had to sing to promote a college. They have returned as individuals who have been able to come together as a unity in Christ, singing praises to God. After a tiring weekend, the last concert brought it to a final moment of praise. What a blessing it's been for me to share in that. I thank the choir for letting me be so much a part of the weekend and I pray that the closeness to God that they felt may not fade, but that they may continue to grow in their love for Him. Thanks for a God-glorifying weekend.

Feel the Heartbeat

"For the first time on television, a sympathetic, personal, documentary look at unwed mothers; their courage, their needs, and what is being done to help them."

This is a one hour telecast on March 26th from 10 to 11 p.m. on Global Television--Channel 6. It is titled Feel the Heartbeat. It is produced by the Alliance for Life who have been working to help save the lives of the unborn and give help to unwed mothers.

This telecast will be aired all over Canada at different dates and different times. There are 35 telephone bases across Canada and, as many people do not realize, there will be one at--Yes!--Redeemer College!! This should be seen as a privilege and a chance for many to get involved. There will be 20 phones set up in our school which will require volunteers for answering.

A volunteer will be receiving 3 different types of calls. People will phone to pledge money. This money goes toward paying for air time and the production of the TV program, as well as support for the Alliance for Life. Another type of call that one might receive is people who do not agree with the cause and want to argue or just tie up the phone lines. The third type of call is women who are in need of help. This would include young, scared, pregnant women debating abortion. In order to talk to these women one does not need counselling experience. One needs a good listening ear and an ability to empathize with the caller.

For information about volunteering for this very important event, contact

Irene at x 310.
Eric at x 321.
MJ or Yvonne at x 318.

Student Council Report

Jennifer Heida

Now that we only have meetings once every two weeks instead of once a week, there is not quite so much to report on--unless you want to hear spicy details about various council members. (I could always make stuff up as well!) I think I'll stick to facts.

Things are pretty busy as far as activities goes. Talent Night was held last week Tuesday night and although it was a week day, there was still a fairly good turnout. Kangaroo Kourt is swift approaching (Thursday, March 24 after chapel)--actually, this time of judgement will be over by the time this article gets "published". There's nothing like advertising for something after it's occurred! There will be a Blood Donor Clinic on Monday, March 28 here in the halls of Redeemer. Everybody is invited and asked to donate--even if you've never gone before. Really, it's not so bad. Shalom Manor is holding an Opa and Oma Olympics Day and two enterprising students are going down to Grimsby to help out in decorating a wheel chair and in participating in the games.

In regards to other miscellaneous matters, hot drink machines are ready to be installed. Swimming on Monday nights will no longer be funded for transportation because of a lack of interest. Activity fees (for Student Council and Athletic Department) will be collected and distributed next year--but nothing is final. At one point, Henry Lammers was "knocked" off his chair by President Taylor's astounding political science lesson. (I wasn't there, but I'm including this to liven up this report somewhat.) On a lighter note, the Council deficit is paid off!! Ray DeBoer is so good!! Other than that, there's not a lot to report on. A few student complaints are being worked

on, but there are no results yet.

One more reminder that Student Council elections for Executive positions (president, vice, secretary, treasurer) are open for the taking. If you're at all interested, talk to a Student Council member for more details.

That's it for now!!

Art Review: Flora Visser

by Tim Bleeker

"Its depressing", "it disturbs me." These are the comments I hear the most in reference to the display of oil paintings by Flora Visser. The style can be called Psychological Figurative Expressionism, one of the leading genres today, and as such it doesn't aim at exact representationalism or precise mathematical perspective, but rather at conveying the strong feelings the artist has about the subject. I hope it does upset you. That is its purpose.

Flora Visser's paintings are more angry than depressed. She is dealing with very uneasy issues, of people who are hurting. She deals with the subject as a way of coping with it, stating that we don't cope with human suffering by ignoring it. For example, "Sham's Story" is about a woman, a drug addict, who was beaten because she didn't have the money to pay back a debt. When she was released from the hospital she was beaten again by the same people, for no reason. The paintings show her with another woman who is caring after her. The other woman doesn't have the answers, but is there to comfort her, even though she is as much overwhelmed as the girl who is hurting.

"Piano Player" is about a person who is trapped within himself. The sheets of music are blank, and he is not actually pressing the keys. But there is a window with blue sky showing, a way out, and in this it is a hopeful painting. "My Brother's Bike" is in response to a boy who committed suicide in a garage. The picture shows the boy's father, and a lit bike, representing the individual journey of the suicide, the fear of death and the hope for a new life after death.

All of Flora Visser's paintings are about people she has actually met, whether in the church community, or in the hostel for battered and transient women, where she works. But just as Christ can work in all peoples lives, so to is there hope in all of her paintings. The statement she is making is that man has no power over his life, but there is Someone in power. There are times when we struggle and doubt, but afterwards we realize that God was there.

Two of the works she has submitted were not permitted to be shown at the college, because of the upsetting nature of the subject matter, which included nudity. Ms. Visser said that this was one of the ways in which we insulate ourselves from the world. We tend to romanticize Christianity, but Christ's life was full of suffering and pain, just as it is for many people. It is the role of the artist to deal with feelings. Modern art, she says, has lost its spiritual value, and is more concerned with pure aesthetics. It has become a commodity (the leading patrons of art today are corporations), since artists will starve unless their works sell. Society is not helpful to the artist, and the Church should fulfill the role of supporting art.

In this way, the school is supporting the Christian artist, not by displaying works of simply aesthetic value, but meaningful works which will, hopefully, make the viewer stop and think.

INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR FULL PROFESSORSHIP: DR. JOHN BOERSMA

by Ray De Boer

Redeemer College recognized Dr. John Boersma as a full professor in the College's first inaugural ceremony on March 11, 1988. The ceremony is much more common in Europe, but Redeemer had an inauguration ceremony because of its high view of professorship. People are promoted as they develop from one rank to another (lecturer, assistant, full professor) and it takes 12 years before consideration for the position for full professor. Such a promotion is a time of celebration and a charge to accept responsibility, and service to God and one's neighbors which emphasizes scholarship and quality.

Dr. Boersma came to Redeemer from Shell Canada Ltd. where he worked as a Senior Staff Analyst in the areas of Corporate Financial Planning and Accounting Research. Before joining Shell, he was an Associate Professor at Western. He obtained an Honours B.A. in Business from Western in 1968 and a Ph.d. in Accounting from the University of Pennsylvania in 1973. In 1984 Dr. Boersma was a full professor but on March 11 his achievement was recognized.

Dr. Boersma based his address on the theme "Free Enterprise is not a Christian end in itself, but merely a means to achieve other biblical objectives." Free enterprise may be the best economic means to achieve biblical goals, but free enterprise by itself is inadequate to achieve biblical goals. There are no biblical texts that explicitly state free enterprise as a Christian economic alternative. Because free enterprise promotes individual freedom does not automatically make it biblical. Free enterprise is not scriptural just because communism restricts religious freedom.

There are problems with unrestricted free enterprise. Unrestricted free enterprise promotes a "no-holds barred" environment. For perfect competition to take place, each consumer must be provided with the same information; perfect knowledge is needed for perfect competition. Would there be controls against insider trading in free enterprise? Could a satisfactory equilibrium in the economy be achieved? The most influential economist of this country, John Maynard Keynes (1883-1946), thinks not. Calvin says that sin would prevent economic equilibrium because there are no harmonious interests. The consumer would eventually be at the mercy of monopolies because there would be no controls on business. Who would protect the rights of minorities? Free enterprise does little to change unjust initial distribution. Free enterprise would do little in the way of public goods (roads, parks, etc.) and fundamental goods (education, health, and children, etc.). Unrestricted free enterprise provides no consideration of non-economic factors such as families or providing for the poor.

Free enterprise is a means to achieve Biblical goals because it promotes stewardship, loving your neighbour, and Christian lifestyles. Under the market system only goods that are in demand will be produced and then as efficiently as possible because the market system discourages waste. Socialism has central planning which provides no incentives so idle machines and products of questionable quality are a result. The poor in North American countries are much better off than the middle class in socialist countries so free enterprise provides for loving your neighbor. Free enterprise

promotes Christian lifestyles because it promotes stewardship, religious freedom, and has less government control than communism (and less underground economies as a result).

These insights that Dr. Boersma offered in his address at his inauguration to full professorship are worthwhile for Christians to consider. Free enterprise is an inadequate means to achieve Christian goals in itself. There must be some government control to protect the idea of perfect capitalsim; however, the ideal amount of government intervention is disputable.

GROOTERS AND BEAL:I

Lucinda Henneveld

"Grooters and who?" Though an unfamiliar name, the concert last Saturday night introduced to Redeemer an unforgettable pair of young men. John Grooters and Dwight Beal actually play for a larger band, the Emmaus Road, and after their performance here, many of us are eager to hear them with the rest of the band. John and Dwight are extremely talented musicians and vocalists, John with his guitar(s) and Dwight on piano and keyboard. Both have the gift of creating a warm atmosphere with their natural sense of humour while also addressing important Christian concern and issues. There was a healthy balance between lighthearted fun and food for spiritual growth. James bounding out on stage under a wig as a cosmic Goliath was a highlight of the evening, as was the reflective song and slides Dwight put together after visiting Israel.

This concert was not at all what many people there expected, except for those who had already been impressed with some of Grooters and Beal's recorded music. John and Dwight both graduated from Hope College in Holland, Michigan, and yes, they are friends of James! At one time, they all lived together, and James actually had a hand in recording the first tape that Grooters and Beal put out (and their only one so far--but there is more coming!) However, if this small time familiarity discouraged any of you from coming out, you have the sympathy of all those who went and were memerized by the music and the performance.

Incidently, they are already tentatively booked to come again next year, proving their popularity, and James has a supply of Grooters and Beal tapes available to appreciative, discerning listeners for a modest fee.

Part II

Art Mulder

Okay, Okay. You've all read Lucinda's review. That's all well & good, but pull up a chair, and I'll tell you what the Concert was really like.

The crowd was sparse - what an optimist would call an intimate setting. There were only about 60 people there. Where was everyone? Who knows, but considering the predominately dutch background of the students, I would guess that most were scared off by the astronomically sky-high price that was charged for admission. I mean 100 pennies is no small sum to part with, even for a fantastic concert. It was for that same reason that I had passed up the U2 concert a few months back. Fortunately though I had just been paid on Friday so I was feeling a little giddy with extra cash. So with a little encouragement from friends (Hey James that Handcuff mark is almost gone from my wrist) I decided to risk it. And glad I was!

This was not a full band Rock Concert, there were only two people on stage; John Grooters & Dwight Beal

(Dwight was the short one). Well James was there also, but he didn't sing, so he doesn't count. There were no drums, and I never once heard the electric guitar scream. This was a duo playing a variety of lighter rock tunes with catchy lyrics.

Their songs ranged from the serious...
For example "David & Goliath" in which a really evil looking tall dude did a walk-on cameo as goliath - Boy he sure looked familiar, but I couldn't see much under all that hair - to oppose the dimunitive David, played by Dwight. Well we all know how that story goes. David took down the Big Bad Goliath with one stone and then proceeded to hoist him over his shoulder and pat him on the boom-boom in time to the music. Wait a minute, do I detect a little artistic license here?

...To the outright illegal...
They performed a song called "New Girl In the Window Of The Semi House", that they claimed to have written the night before, which this Calvin Grad detected as bearing an uncanny resemblance to a certain song written & composed by another Calvin Grad (Glenn Bulthuis). However I confronted them after the show and they 'fessed up and a royalties cheque is in the mail. I find it sort of ironic that a couple of Hope guys had to turn to a Calvin song when they needed something quickly. Ahem. I apologize for this paragraph, I guess it is a holdover from the eternal Calvin vs. Hope rivalry.

...To the deeply emotional.
One of their songs for the evening was specially written & dedicated to Dwight's girlfriend. As he described her, "The ugliest girl at Hope College". Some of the lyrics went like this:

"She's my humble homely honey
My decomposed little bunny
I wouldn't trade you for any money
My humble homely honey"

It still brings tears to my eyes just remembering it now, it was so beautiful.

They were a nice couple of guys, though they seemed genuinely surprised to find the place crawling with Canadians. They spent some time sharing some amusing and touching stories from their life. Dwight told us how John & his wife had bought a house last fall and installed a black toilet in it that so much reminds him of Darth Vader's Helmet that he's afraid to use it. Dwight also shared with us some of his experiences traveling in Israel, at which point John proudly stated that now that Dwight has finished his paper on the trip he should soon be getting his diploma - 10 months after graduating.

I do however have one major complaint to raise. These guys went to school with James, they're old friends. One of the reasons that I parted with One Hundred Cents of my hard earned money was to hear embarassing stories about James. But not one all evening! I have my suspicions that there was a little pay off on James' part. Oh well, one flaw in an otherwise grand evening. I am very glad that I took the time, and went to the considerable expense that I did to attend. What the hey, I would have spent even $1.50 to see them!

Seriously though, all kidding aside. This was an excellent concert, I really enjoyed myself, and judging from the loudly vocal response of the crowd, everyone else had a good time as well. Make sure you take the time next year to see these guys. Hey if you start saving now you'll have that dollar put away before you know it!

ASLEEP IN THE LIGHT

Wayne Miedema

With the recent mission emphasis week and the many sermons that were a part of it, many, including myself, felt moved to action. Now that a few weeks have passed, it is good to ask, "What have we done" or "What has changed in my life?" If you are like me, your answer is probably "not a lot" or even "nothing".

Often we are stirred by a sermon and make a secret vow to turn our lives around, to blot out that one nagging sin or to make a special effort to spread the gospel. How often do we carry it through? It's a struggle we all deal with.

Are we, as a Christian college, active in the community as a witness in deed and word , or are we a castle on a hill? Do we make a difference in this community? As Christians, we are called to be in the world, in the community. We should never become a candle under a bushel, but a candle that spreads its rays far out into Ancaster, Hamilton, and the surrounding community.

What are we doing as individuals? What am I doing? What are you doing? Is our faith being put to practice on campus and in the community? Is our faith bearing fruit? "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? ... faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." James 2:14,17. Is our preoccupation with studying and a flourishing social life becoming a priority. God forbid that books or friends should stop us from hearing and heeding his call.

"I have no time" seems to be a cliche that is often thrown around without meaning. I will not deny that there are exceptions. Still, few can say that they can't spare 3 hours on a week night. And who can say, "I am not qualified." Too often we leave verbal witness to the theology majors. We feel we haven't got the knack, or the polished speech. What God requires of us is not a dissertation, but a personal tesitmony of what He has done in our lives, and that requires no degree, just a living faith.

What does it take to get me, and you, to realize what is going on? How can we be so asleep in the light? As Keith Green says, "How can you be so dumb, not to come if they come? You close your eyes and pretend the job's done."

I'll close with the study of "Bob" at a nursing home that Redeemer students visit on Sundays. Bob is a man of about 30. He was bent over in to a hunch back silhouette and breathed heavily as he stoutly and tediously moved into the room where they were singing. He wasn't very responsive to the singing--he couldn't speak well. He clapped when he could and just listenend when he couldn't.

As the singing finished and the students sat down to chat and develop relationships, Bob got up and left--his suspenders dangling over his elbows.

Minutes later, Bob returned with a distorted smile on his misshapen face, and a plaque in his hand. "Bob was baptized 2 weeks ago," said one of the other residents. "Bob's been through a lot, you know." Bob sat down with the framed plaque in his hand. As one of the students asked to see it, Bob struggled to hold it out, and a broad smile lit up his face. It was an old, dirty grey piece of paper typed in black ink with spaces every here and there where someone had carefully, but messily written in "Bob Roberts." It was a "letter from Jesus." Close to the bottom of the page it said something very special. "I love you Bob Roberts, and I want you to share my love with others. Tell others about me and take

care of their needs. Don't worry about ourself, you're my responsibility."

Bob had been ridiculed in the past for the way he looked. He lived in squalid conditions. He seemed to be a very unlikely evangelist. He would probably never rival Billy Graham, yet he had something very special to share. Something that was his that no one could take away. Something that meant everything to him.

If only we would learn to follow this example, to hold out the word of life in word and deed to those who need it.

Calender of Events

March 26--Morgan Cryan and His Band. Live in Concert at Redeemer. 8:00p.m. Tickets $6.00 advance/ $8.00 at the door.

March 28--Blood Donor Clinic Here

March 31--Nominations for Student Council positions due.

April 2--The Dutch Seven in Concert. 8:00p.m. Tickets $10.00/$8.00 students and seniors.

April 7, 8, 9--"Our Town" drama production. Tickets $6.50/$5.00 for students and seniors.

April 7 & 8--Student Coucil Elections.

April 7--A View From Astronomy. "The Cosmos and Its Creator: A Multi-Screen presentation on the Universe." Based on NASA slides. 7:30p.m.

STEVE TURNER

Christmas

is really for the children.
Especially for children who like
ANIMALS
STABLES
STARS·STARS·STARS.
and babies
wrapped in swaddling clothes.
Then there are WISE MEN
KINGS IN FINE ROBES
humble shepherds
and a hint of
rich perfume.

Easter

is not really for the children unless accompanied by a
CREAM FILLED EGG.
It has whips·blood·
NAILS, a spear
and allegations of BODY SNATCHING.
It involves POLITICS,
GOD
and the sins of the world.
It is not good for people of a nervous disposition.
They would do better to think on rabbits, chickens
and the first snowdrop of spring.
Or they'd do better to wait for a rerun of Christmas
without asking too many questions about what Jesus did
when he grew up or whether there's any connection.

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